(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the orders dated 12.4.2002 of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, a Nodal Authority was constituted to prepare an Action Plan for identification and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi migrants living in Delhi. Accordingly, the Action plan was prepared and periodic status reports on progress of deportation were submitted to the Court. However, the target set-out in the plan could not be achieved because of various difficulties faced by concerned Government agencies. These difficulties were brought before the Hon'ble High Court through an affidavit dated 16.05.2005 and it was prayed to allow the Government to revise the Action Plan. The Hon'ble Court, through its order dated 18.05.2005, did not allow the request and directed that further status report be filed. Accordingly, further status report was filed before the Court on 11.07.2005.

Financial assistance to Tsunami affected families

†289. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number fo families in the country suffered or rendered homeless by the 'Tsunami' disaster and the number of people affected;

(b) the funds accumulated as financial assistance from Governments or foreign countries for the assistance of Tsunami victims so far and the extent thereof spent for their assistance; and

(c) the progress made in the works done so far for the rehabilitation of Tsunami victims and people rendered homeless and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) A total population of 27.92 lakh was affected by the 'Tsunami' disaster. 239024 dwelling units were damaged.

(b) and (c) The Government of India approved a Special Package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas" to provide assistance for immediate relief and

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response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors; immediate construction of temporary (intermediate) shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure. The Government of India has not accepted external assistance for immediate relief and response. The Government of Andhra Pradesh reported that Rs. 80.80 crore is being spent. The Government of Kerala reported that Rs. 81.78 crore has been sanctioned by them of which Rs. 58.14 crore has been released. The Union Territories of Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands reported that Rs. 60.47 crore and Rs. 184.38 crore respectively have been spent by them so far.

Seeting up of command and control structure

290. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a Command and Control structure to deal with the situation arising from terror attacks or natural disasters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has introduced the Disaster Management Bill 2005 in the Rajya Sabha. The Bill *inter-alia* provides for strengthening the existing disaster management mechanism in the country, which would facilitate a holistic, coordinated and prompt response to disaster situations, natural and man made. The bill also provides for constitution of Disaster Management Authorities at National, State and District level, formulation and implementation of disaster Management Plans, and for the establishment of the National Disaster Response Force. The National Disaster Response Force has been constituted for specialist response in any disaster/crisis situations. Search And Rescue (SAR) teams are also being constituted by State and UTs for immediate response. The States/UTs have been permitted to procure necessary equipments for Search and Rescue teams under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

Use of Nepal and Bangladesh borders by terrorists/insurgents

†291. SHRI KAL RAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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